

## Latest from WDACS on Novel Coronavirus - March 13, 2020

Out of an abundance of caution and in response to guidance from the L.A. County Department of Public Health, we are taking the following actions to maintain services to seniors while protecting their health during the coronavirus outbreak:

**Congregate Meals for Seniors:** WDACS operates 100 congregate meal sites, primarily at senior centers and parks. We are transitioning all sites that serve congregate meals to distributing packaged/frozen meals or providing home-delivered meals. These actions will ensure we continue offering meals to seniors, but do so in a manner that reduces coronavirus exposure and risk.

The 8 sites operated by the WDACS Community and Senior Centers will transition on a staggered basis beginning the week of Monday, March 16th. A complete list can be found at [wdacs.lacounty.gov](http://wdacs.lacounty.gov).

**Community Centers:** Effective Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, WDACS and the Department of Parks and Recreation will cancel programs (including congregate meals), events, and activities involving more than 10 participants at the 23 parks and centers that serve seniors. We are working to maintain certain activities that involve less than 10 participants by implementing additional safety measures, which include:

- Increasing sanitization efforts, such as regularly cleaning surfaces such as door handles, countertops, restroom surfaces, computers, fitness equipment, toys and any other often handled items.
- Placing Hand Sanitizer at all lobby counters.
- Cancelling community activities including billiards, games, dances, presentations, etc.
- Activities must include less than 10 participants and observe social distancing (requirement is 6 feet of distance between individuals)
- Suspending use of Public Access Computers
- Suspending Toy Loan Program
- No new meeting requests will be approved
- Presently scheduled meetings are being reviewed for the potential for cancellation.
- Encouraging technology-based virtual meetings.
- Temporarily stopping use of SWIPE card data collection system at check-in.
- We will regularly call seniors to check on them during this difficult time.
- All food commodities will be pre-bagged for scheduled distribution.
- Produce distribution has been cancelled.

These are all precautionary measures taken to safeguard the health and well-being of our older adults, families, youth, and staff. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and we ask for your continued support as we navigate through this worldwide outbreak.